

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise the limitation period for commencing child abuse prosecutions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 26-10-1 be amended to read as follows:

26-10-1. Any person who abuses, exposes, tortures, torments, or cruelly punishes a minor in a manner which does not constitute aggravated assault, is guilty of a Class 4 felony. If the victim is less than seven years of age, the person is guilty of a Class 3 felony. The use of reasonable force, as provided in § 22-18-5, is a defense to an offense under this section. Notwithstanding § 23A-42-2, a charge brought pursuant to this section may be commenced at any time before the victim becomes age twenty-five.

If any person convicted of this offense is the minor's parent, guardian, or custodian, the court shall include as part of the sentence, or conditions required as part of suspended execution or imposition of such sentence, that the person receive instruction on parenting approved or provided by the Department of Social Services.

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I certify that the attached Act  
originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1238

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Chief Clerk  
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Speaker of the House

Attest:

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Chief Clerk

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President of the Senate

Attest:

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Secretary of the Senate

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor  
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The attached Act is hereby  
approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 20\_\_\_\_

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Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,  
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Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Secretary of State